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City of Jasper Sets Safety First

Jasper, IN – Today the City of Jasper became the Indiana Department of Labor's first participant in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP) during a ceremony held in Jasper.

INSHARP is a recognition program that provides incentives and support to employers to work with their employees to develop, implement and continuously improve the effectiveness of their workplace safety and health programs. INSHARP is overseen by IDOL's Bureau of Safety Education and Training (BuSET) consultative services program.

Indiana Commissioner of Labor Nancy J. Guyott presented the recognition to Mayor William Schmitt in a ceremony at the Anrold F. Habig Community Center. Commissioner Guyott noted, "It is quite unique to see the public sector blazing a path that will surely be followed by private industry by earning INSHARP member status. Mayor Schmitt and Mr. Schneider should be commended for their commitment to workplace safety and health. Their vision of a safe workplace, and their efforts to involve employees in that vision, have created a safety culture that will benefit all city employees."

The City of Jasper's management and employees have worked together to create an admirably safe and healthy workplace. Mayor Schmitt and the City's personnel and safety director, Charlie Schneider, spearheaded the effort to develop the City's safety program into the exemplary one that it is today.

The INSHARP program was implemented by BuSET in September 2002. The City of Jasper becomes the first INSHARP participant as a result of their successful demonstration of their dedication to safety through a safety and health consultation and evaluation. Such BuSET consultations are cost-free and confidential.

The benefits of effective safety and health programs include lowered workers' compensation premiums, lower insurance costs, higher employee morale, and less employee turnover. Additionally, as a participant in the INSHARP the City of Jasper is exempted from the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (IOSHA's) random inspection schedule.

For more information on the INSHARP program or BuSET's services, visit the BuSET web site at www.buset.info, or call (317) 232-2687.

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